



2016 Reading Together

Orphan Train

Between 1845 and 1929, so-called orphan trains ran regularly from the cities of the East Coast to the farmlands of the Midwest, carrying thousands of abandoned children whose fates would be determined by pure luck. *Orphan Train* is a powerful tale of upheaval and resilience, second chances, and unexpected friendships. Copies are available at all KPL locations.



MEET THE AUTHOR:

**Christina
Baker Kline**

Mon, March 7, 2016

7 pm, Kalamazoo
Central HS Auditorium

Copies of *Orphan Train* will be sold by Michigan News Agency at the event.

13th Annual Teen Filmmaker Festival

Teen Filmmaker Festival is finally a teenager! We are looking for the best teen-produced and directed films. If you think you have what it takes to become the next hot director, then write your script, cast your talent, gather your camera and sound gear and get recording! Lights, Camera, ACTION!

Expert judges will award prizes for the best films in eight categories, plus a grand prize. Audience members will vote for the People's Choice. Participants must be age 12-19 and residents of Michigan to enter.

The 13th Annual Teen Filmmaker Festival will be held on Saturday, February 20, 2:30 pm at Chenery Auditorium.

For information on how to enter, rules and submission requirements, visit kpl.gov/teenfilmfest.

**DEADLINE
TO APPLY:**

**January 30
by 5 pm EST**

Submit to Teen
Services Desk at
Central Library



Winter Break @KPL

Full descriptions can
be found in Kids and
Tween/Teen

KIDS

Maker Mondays, Ages 6-11

Dec 21 & 28, CEN

Holiday Crafts, Ages 6-11

Dec 21-22, All Locations

Color with Us, All Ages

Dec 21-23 & 28-31,
All Locations

Preschool Storytime

Ages 3-5

Dec 22 & 29, CEN

LEGO, Family

Dec 22, EAS

Jan 2, OSH

Toddler Talk, Ages 1-3

Dec 23 & 30, OSH

Baby Talk

Up to Age 1 Year

Dec 23 & 30, OSH

Yummy New Year's Hats

Ages 6-11

Dec 28, OSH

Code Camp, Gr 6-11

Dec 28-30, CEN

Miss Lisa: Stories and Dance, Ages 3-8

Dec 28 & 30, CEN

Dec 29, OSH

First Saturday @KPL

Family

Jan 2, CEN

TEEN

Post-it Note Art Show **Gr 5-12**

Month of December, CEN

Jewelry Gifts with Meg Tang, Gr 5-12

Dec 21, OSH

Gift Making, Gr 5-12

Dec 22, CEN

Maker Monday, Gr 5-12

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Michael Jackson: The Experience, Gr 5-12

Dec 28, POW

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Martial Arts **Ages 7-10 & 11-18**

Dec 29, WSQ

Game Central, Gr 5-12

Dec 30, CEN



Give the gift of a
membership to the
Friends of KPL!

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Free Tax Prep

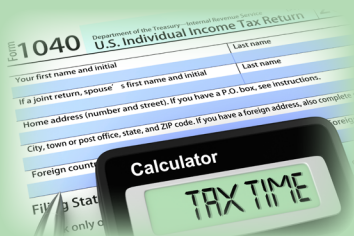
Thurs, February 11,
11 am-3 pm, CEN

Mon, February 22,
10:30 am-7:30 pm, OSH

Tues, February 23,
1-6 pm, EAS

Mon, February 29,
10:30 am-7:30 pm, OSH

Free tax preparation for those with household income under \$54,000 in 2015, prepared by IRS-certified VITA tax volunteers. By appointment only. Dial 211 to make appointment and for more info.



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BOOKS

® Powell Book Discussion Group

Tuesdays, January 26,
February 23, 6 pm, POW

Join the Powell Book Discussion Group as we share our insights and reviews on works by various authors. Books being discussed this winter include *Bad But Perfectly Good at It* by Jasmine Williams and *Outlaw Chick* by Al Saadiq Banks. Books can be picked up at the Powell Branch. Please register.

LEGAL

Ask a Lawyer

Call the Law Library, 553-7920 for
appointment information

Free legal clinics for person of low-to-moderate income with Bar Association lawyers. Get help with most areas of civil law, including landlord-tenant problems, divorce, and family law. For a free 20-minute appointment, call: 553-7920. You may make only one appointment per four months. Clinics do not include follow-up. Further consultation must be negotiated with an individual attorney.

TECH BAR

Mondays, January 4, February 1 &
Tuesdays, December 29, January 19,
2 pm, OSH

Need help understanding your tablet, smartphone or laptop? Having trouble trying to use social media or office programs? Interested in KPL's eBooks, eAudiobooks, streaming video, digital magazines, or downloadable music services? Talk to our knowledgeable staff about these tech-related issues and more.



MUSIC



Ken Morgan: Loving This Earth: Environmental Music & Poetry

Wed, December 9, 7pm, CEN

This musical concert with poetry performance will feature the artistry of four well-known Michigan musicians, Ken Morgan - woodwinds, Carolyn Koebel - percussion & vocals, Elden Kelly - guitar & vocals, and Jim Cooper - vibraphone. Original environmental poetry by Ken Morgan will be featured with composed and improvised musical accompaniment that blends the sounds of jazz, world, and Native American music. The poetry will be a preview of Ken's soon-to-be published "Loving This Earth" collection of poems, reflections, and songs, which express respect, gratitude, and inspiration for loving and preserving our natural world. Be prepared for a unique and spiritually inspiring evening of creative sounds and words.

GLAMA Acoustic Slow Jam

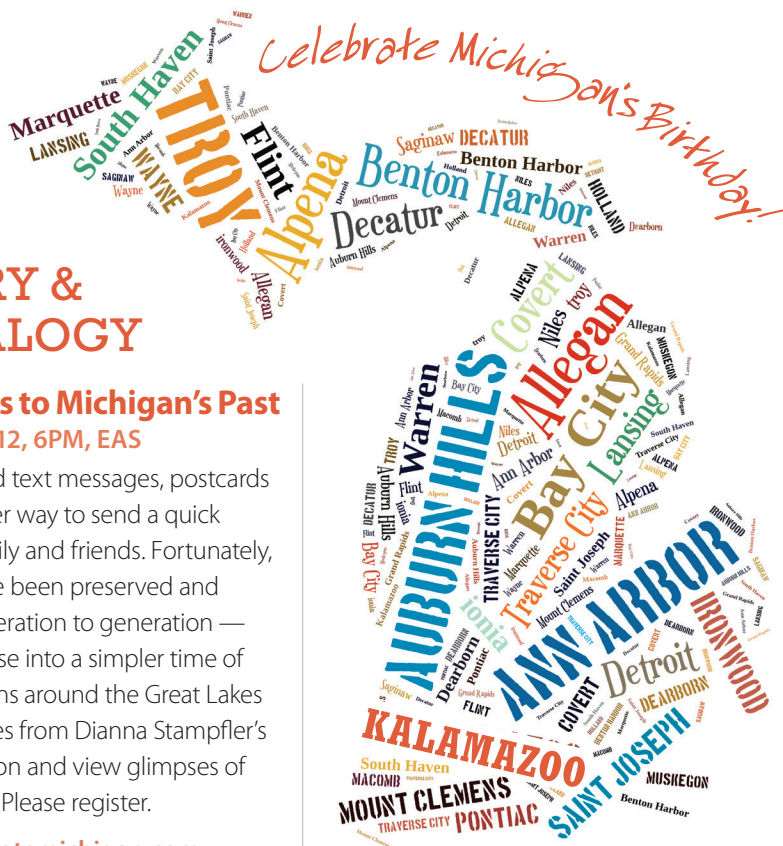
Tuesdays, December 8
& January 12, 7 pm, CEN

We invite you to join the Great Lakes Acoustic Music Association for a fun jam based on simple chord progressions and slow to medium tempo tunes. All acoustic stringed instruments welcome! Basic jamming tips are included.

GLAMA Community Sing

Tues, January 19, 7 pm, CEN

Come and sing along with folksinger and songwriter Patricia Pettinga and her GLAMA Community Sing co-hosts. Lyric sheets are provided.



HISTORY & GENEALOGY

R Postcards to Michigan's Past Tues, January 12, 6PM, EAS

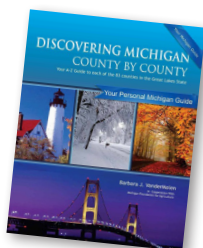
Before email and text messages, postcards were the premier way to send a quick message to family and friends. Fortunately, these cards have been preserved and saved from generation to generation — offering a glimpse into a simpler time of carefree vacations around the Great Lakes State. Hear stories from Dianna Stampfer's massive collection and view glimpses of Michigan's past. Please register.

<http://promotemichigan.com>

R Discovering Michigan County by County: Your A-Z Guide to Each of the 83 Counties in the Great Lakes State with Barbara VanderMolen

Tues, January 19, 6PM, OSH

The more you know about Michigan counties, the more you know about Michigan! In this highly interactive presentation, author Barbara VanderMolen will share fun filled facts and stories about every county in our great state. Participants will be able to follow along with a county by county map. VanderMolen's book *Discovering Michigan County by County* will be available to purchase. Please register.



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EAS (Eastwood) 553-7810

OSH (Oshtemo) 553-7980

POW (Alma Powell) 553-7960

WSQ (Washington Square) ... 553-7970

R Intro to Genealogy

Tues, February 23, 6PM OSH

Learn how to start compiling your family tree through databases like Ancestry.com, Heritage Quest, KPL's index to local publications, plus important print sources, major collections, and more. Please register. Call 553-7808 or register online starting February 1.

Women in Kalamazoo: Another Perspective

Thurs, February 25, 7 pm, CEN

There are many women in Kalamazoo who have played a role in our history. Lynn Houghton, Regional History Curator at the Western Michigan University Archives and Regional History Collections, will discuss some of those individuals and organizations who may not be as well-known as those who have made the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame, but whose contributions played a role in the development of this community.

R Registration required. Call location listed or register online at kpl.gov starting 30 days before event.

& MORE

Tabletop Games for Adults

Tuesdays, December 1, January 5, February 2, 5:30-7:30 pm, WSQ

Drop in and play a variety of strategy, abstract, party, Euro, cooperative, card and word games. Learn to play a new game or bring your own. Exercise your brain while socializing with other tabletop game playing fans.

R Create Your Own Greeting/Holiday Cards

Wed, December 2, 6:30-8 pm, The Hub – CEN

Do you love sending or receiving personalized greeting and holiday cards? Learn simple photo editing techniques in our digital lab, The Hub, which will help you make a most memorable card. Participants will also learn about the best websites to have your card printed. Space is limited. Please register.

R India Travel Journal

Tues, December 8, 6PM, OSH

Bridgett Blough, yogini and chef, will share stories of her adventures from her recent trip to India. She will share pictures of her stay at a yoga ashram and farm, in the Rishikesh and Darjeeling area. Experience a raw version of India in this very personal travel story. Please register.



R Zentangle Meditative Art

Tues, December 15, 6 pm, EAS

Tues, February 23, 6 pm, WSQ

The Zentangle Method is an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. In this highly interactive program, participants will be provided with pen and paper to create a project. Instructor Carrie Dunn will introduce the meditative practice as well as four to six zen patterns. Please register.



Donations to Friends

The freight elevator at Kalamazoo Public Library will be out of service this December and the first half of January. Due to this, we are not able to accept large donations of books, music and movies. If you have a large donation, we ask that you please contact us in late January to ensure acceptance of your delivery.

We can still accept small donations that fit in no more than two shopping bags. Small donations may be delivered at our regular donation site at Central Library parking lot (door marked "Friends donations"). You may also deliver your small donations at the Friends Bookstore during open hours. Our hours are on our website, kpl.gov/friends.

We appreciate your patience and your generous donations. Please feel free to call (269-553-7820) with donation questions and keep an eye on the bookstore post <http://www.kpl.gov/friends/news/> and our Facebook page www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Kalamazoo-Public-Library for updates.

Happy holidays!

The Friends

KPL's Digital Destination...

Preserve the Past @The Hub

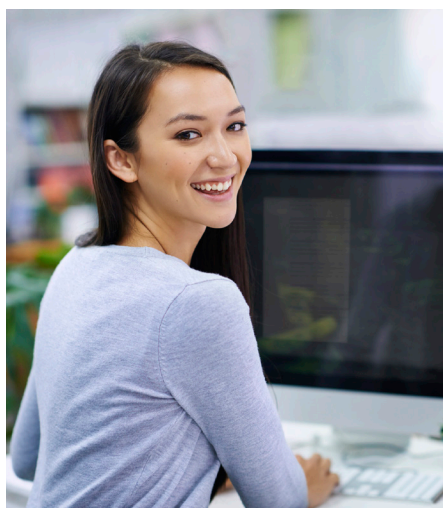
There are few things more precious to us than our family memories. Protect and preserve those old slides, negatives, Polaroid photos and home movies by converting them to a digital format at KPL's new digital lab, The Hub.

The Hub provides the resources and technology for KPL patrons to complete an enormous variety of preservation and digitization projects. While truly offering something for everyone, The Hub will be of particular interest to those engaged in genealogy and conservators of family history.

Patrons can use The Hub to convert home movies on VHS to DVD format, saving storage space as well as preserving precious memories in a more stable medium. Furthermore, The Hub is equipped with professional post-production software which allows patrons to create and edit digital video. Don't let the technology daunt you! Friendly and knowledgeable KPL staff are on hand to assist with projects and answer questions. We look forward to your visit!

Opportunities @The Hub

The Hub, offers patrons several opportunities for hands-on digital projects. Four PCs are set up for digital preservation. We have Canon 9000F



scanners and templates for scanning slides and negatives which makes the process simple. Our VHS-to-DVD converter allows patrons to pop a movie in and record a digital copy in real time which can then be burned to a DVD or placed on a flash drive. Have some old mixtapes on cassette? Bring them in to convert to mp3!

If digital production is more your gig, The Hub has four 27" iMacs loaded with amazing applications. Create and edit movies in Final Cut Pro, Premier Pro, or iMovie; use Anime Studio to create your own cartoon; for all the graphic designers out there, we also have Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, and InDesign. Staff in The Hub can help you start your project.

Non-KPL Residents @The Hub

Great news for those who are not resident library card holders, but would like access to Kalamazoo Public Library's digital lab, The Hub. For only \$10 a month, anyone who is not a KPL resident borrower may purchase a card that will provide access to all The Hub has to offer! For details, visit kpl.gov/hubcard.



See You @The Hub

The Hub is open Tuesdays: 3-8 pm, and Thursdays and Saturdays: 10 am-3 pm. Reserve a computer online or walk in during open hours. You can also find a full list of hardware and software on our website, kpl.gov/hub. See you there!

Looking for the perfect gift to give this holiday season? Look no further!

Give the gift of a Friends Membership!

Members enjoy:

- ~Special discounts
- ~VIP access to the Holiday Book Sale
- ~Being a proud supporter of Kalamazoo Public Library!

Learn more at kpl.gov/friends



Thank you for your support!

Please make check payable to Friends of Kalamazoo Public Library and mail to:

Friends of Kalamazoo Public Library, 315 South Rose St Kalamazoo, MI 49007

All donations are 100% tax-deductible.

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Name:

Address:

City: State: Zip code:

Phone: Email:

Membership Level: ☐ Individual: \$15
☐ Family: \$25
☐ Supporter: \$50
☐ Patron: \$75
☐ Benefactor: \$100
☐ Donation: \$

Gift For a Friend

Name:

Address:

City: State: Zip code:

Phone: Email:

Membership Level: ☐ Individual: \$15
☐ Family: \$25
☐ Supporter: \$50
☐ Patron: \$75
☐ Benefactor: \$100
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Tween & Teen events

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& MORE

#TAB, Gr 6-12

**Mondays, December 14, January 11,
February 8, 6 pm, CEN, Teen Area**

Attention Teens! Are you looking for ways to give back to your library and your community while having fun at the same time? Join the new, improved Teen Advisory Board (#TAB) and volunteer for library programs, help with events, contribute to library social media, and more! #TAB members also get special perks, rewards, and opportunities! Want to know more? Join #TAB today!

® Martial Arts



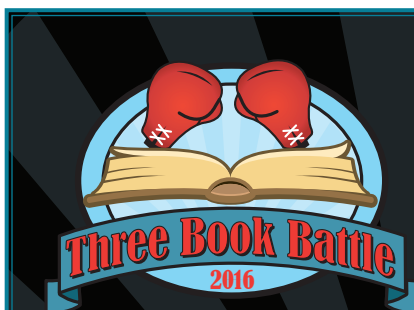
Ages 7-10 & 11-18

Tues, December 29, WSQ

Ages 7-10 at 2 pm OR

Ages 11-18 at 3 pm

Learn self-defense techniques with Charles Parker, 3rd degree Judo instructor. Please register for only one age-appropriate session, space is limited.



**SAVE THE DATE:
Saturday, May 7, 2016**

Three Book Battle, Gr 6-8 only

**2016 TBB titles will be
announced on February 10.**

Registration and team sets will be available at the Central Library, Teen Area and Oshtemo Branch Library from February 10 through April 20th. The 3rd Annual Three Book Battle will take place on Saturday, May 7.

For details and official rules, please visit www.kpl.gov/tbb.

BOOKS

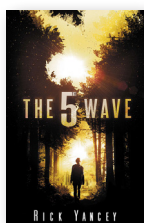
Post-it Note Art Show



Gr 5-12

December, all open hours, CEN, Teen Area

Stop by the Teen Area this December and create your own artwork for the 2nd annual Post-it Note Art Show. All supplies are available at the Teen Desk. Post-its will be on display through New Year's Eve.



Pizza & Pages

Gr 5-12

**Wed, January 13,
4:30 pm, OSH**

Stop by the Oshtemo Branch Library and pick up a copy of *The 5th Wave* by Rick Yancey. It's our way of saying: Read it before you see it at the movies! Take it home, read it, then come back and discuss it over pizza!

MEET THE AUTHOR:

Sonya Hollins and Friends, Family

Tues, February 9, 6 pm, POW

Meet author and self-publisher Sonya Hollins who co-wrote with her husband Sean, the brand new children's book, *"Benjamin Losford and His Handy Dandy Clippers."*

This is a program for the entire family! Enjoy listening to Sonya read from her new book and the story behind it.

Reception with food provided by Keneisha Morgan-Darden. Includes free haircuts provided by local barbers.

MAKER

Jewelry Gifts with Meg Tang, Gr 5-12



Mon, December 21, 5:30, OSH

Local jewelry making expert Meg Tang will be on hand to help teens make that perfect holiday gift. Found items, wire, and more will create a one-of-a-kind piece. All materials provided.

Gift Making, Gr 5-12



Tues, December 22, 2 pm, CEN, Teen Area

Stop by from 2-4 pm to make holiday gifts for friends and family. Several projects to choose from along with gift wrapping.

Maker Monday, Gr 5-12



Mon, December 28, 1 pm, CEN, Teen Area
**Mondays, January 25 & February 22,
6-7 pm, CEN, TEEN AREA**

Tinker, make, try, create and explore at the library. Each month will feature different ideas and materials. Focus on the process (not the product) and learn that all of us are makers!

Zentangle, Gr 5-12

Tues, January 19, 6-7:30, EAS

Explore the non-intimidating, creative possibilities of Zentangle. Create beautiful patterns that can be used as images, backgrounds for other works of art, patterned surfaces for three-dimensional work of art or a creative and stress-releasing outlet. Cindy Bowles, a certified Zentangle instructor will artfully guide you through the endless possibilities of patterns to create compositions and design. All materials are provided.

GAMING

Michael Jackson: The Experience, Gr 5-12

Mon, December 28, 2 pm, POW

Tues, December 29, 2 pm, EAS

Play the Wii and win prizes. Dance like you've never danced before to your favorite Michael Jackson hits.

Game Central, Gr 5-12

Wed, December 30, 2 pm, CEN

From the newest favorites to old classics, it's an afternoon of strategy, skill, and fun. Choose from our board, card, or video games, or bring your own!

GEEK OUT!

J-Pop Club, Teens Only

Mondays, December 21, January 18,
& February 15, 4 pm, CEN

Enjoy the latest and coolest stuff straight from Japan. Talk about your favorite anime and manga, show off your cosplay skills, and learn all sorts of amazing info about Japanese culture! Vote for your favorite anime series, and tell us what to get next. If you love Japanese pop culture, then you'll love this casual club.

Fandom February, Gr 5-12

Wednesdays, February 3, 10, 17 & 24,
3:30-5:30 pm, CEN, Teen Area

Every Wednesday in February, drop in and celebrate your favorite fandoms with crafts, movies, and fan fun.

Harry Potter Book Night, All Ages

Thurs, February 4, 6-7 pm, CEN

Join the UK in celebrating Harry Potter Book Night with Potter-themed crafts, snacks, and fun.

Harry Potter

TECH

R Digital Filmmaking @ the Hub, Ages 12 -Adult Sat, December 12, 1-3 pm, CEN

The Teen Filmmaker Festival is coming up and it's not too late to give your film the final polish it deserves! Learn about the craft of digital film editing in the Hub, KPL's digital creation lab. We'll show you what you need to get started editing your masterpiece.



Code Camp, Gr 5-12

Mon, December 28-Wednesday,
December 30, 11:30 am-12:30 pm, CEN

Programming, scripting, coding, and learning how to solve problems are some of the most essential skills of the digital age. Let's bring these skills to your fingertips by writing code using KPL's Chromebooks! Together we will work to demystify coding with fun, youth-centric, innovative, and quick lessons that bring the power to code to all of us. All materials provided.

Code-a-Thon, Gr 1-5 & Gr 6-12

Sat, February 20, OSH
Grades 1-5 from 11 am-12:30 pm *OR*
Grades 6-12 from 1-2:30 pm

Complete several hours of code in one day using KPL's Chromebooks! All materials provided.

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POW (Alma Powell) 553-7960

WSQ (Washington Square) ... 553-7970

R Registration required. Call location listed or register online at kpl.gov starting 30 days before event.



Sat, February 20, 2:30 pm
Chenery Auditorium

Films due by Saturday,
January 30, 5 pm, CEN

CALLING ALL TEEN FILMMAKERS:

The 13th Annual Teen Filmmaker Festival is looking for the best teen-produced and directed films! Three expert judges will award prizes for the best films in a variety of categories. Submit films and entry forms to the Teen Desk at the Central Library by Saturday, January 30th. A jury will screen every film entered and select the finalists for screening at the festival. For a complete set of rules, format requirements, official entry form, and tips on making your film, visit www.kpl.gov/teenfilmfest.

Then, on February 20, come to the Chenery Auditorium in downtown Kalamazoo for the Filmmaker Festival! The finalists will be screened at this special event open to movie fans of all ages. Audience members will vote for a People's Choice award!

Sponsored by Kalamazoo Public Library, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Public Media Network and Campaign Pictures.

events Kids

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Code Camp, Ages 6-11



Mon, December 28, Tuesday, December 29 & Wednesday, December 30, 10 am-11 am, CEN

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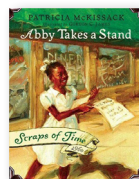
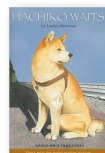
BOOK NOOK

Bookworms, Family

Tuesdays, January 12, February 9, 4:30 pm, OSH

Thursdays, January 28, February 25, 4:30 pm, CEN

A book club for kids and their grown-ups. In January, we'll read *Hachiko Waits* by Leslea Newman and in February we'll read *Abby Takes a Stand* by Patricia C. McKissack. Books available the 1st of the month preceding the meeting. One book per family, while supplies last.



MEET THE AUTHOR:

Sonya Hollins and Friends, Family

Tues, February 9, 6 pm, POW

Meet author and self-publisher Sonya Hollins who co-wrote the brand new children's book with her husband Sean, *"Benjamin Losford and His Handy Dandy Clippers."* This is a program for the entire family!

Enjoy listening to Sonya read from her new book and the story behind it.

Reception with food provided by Keneisha Morgan-Darden. Includes free haircuts provided by local barbers.

- M** Maker Program
- R** Registration required. Call location listed or register online starting 30 days before event.
- T** Space limited; ticket required. Pick up free ticket at host location starting one week before event; one ticket per person. Call location with any questions.

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MUSIC & THEATRE

Palamazoo Puppets, Family

Tues, December 8, 6 pm, EAS

Susan Harrison of Palamazoo Puppets will put on a winter-themed music and puppet show!

Musical Storytime, Family

Mondays, January 25,

February 22, 6:30 pm, CEN

Favorite songs, stories and special guests with Mr. Bill.

R KSO Peter and the Wolf, Family

Sat, January 16, 10:30 am & Noon, OSH

A well-loved family classic *Peter and the wolf*, written and composed by Sergei Prokofiev, comes to life as it is performed by the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra's Woodwind Quintet. Enjoy an instrument petting zoo, meet the musicians, and create a craft based on the story all before the performance! Fun for the whole family!

This concert is part of the KSO Family Fun Chamber Series and is sponsored in part by Biggby Coffee. Please register.

Fancy Pants Theater, Ages 3-6

Saturdays, February 13 & 27, 10 am, CEN

We will explore the very basic element of theater/pretend play. Using a combination of songs, stories, and games, we will stir-up those budding imaginations, tune our social skills, and most importantly – play! For pre-schoolers and a caregiver.

Fancy Pants Theater, Ages 6-11

Saturdays, February 13 & 27, 11 am, CEN

We'll focus on play, using songs, stories, and games, while adding elements of script writing and producing. Each session will end with a short performance based on a book.

AMAZING ANIMALS

A Long Winter's Nap, Ages 6-11

Wed, January 27, 4:30 pm, POW

Learn about which animals hibernate, listen to a story, and do some fun, warm activities!

Forecaster Phil: a Groundhog Program, Ages 6-11

Tues, February 2, 4:30 pm, EAS

Celebrate Groundhog Day with stories, fun facts, a craft, and activities!



MOVE!

Miss Lisa: Stories and Dance, Ages 3-8

Mon, December 28, 6 pm, CEN

Tues, December 29, 6 pm, OSH

Wed, December 30, 10:30 am, CEN

Stories and dance with Miss Lisa for kids and caregivers. For safety reasons, open only to kids aged 3-8 and their adult caregivers. Please register.



STEM

LEGO at the Library



Family

Saturdays, December 5, January 2,

February 6, 10:30 am, OSH

Saturdays, December 19, January 16,

February 20, 10:30 am, CEN

Tuesdays, December 15, January 19,

February 16, 6:30 pm, WSQ

Wednesdays, December 2, January 13,

February 3, 4:30 pm, POW

Tuesdays, December 22, February 16,

2 pm, EAS

Thursday, January 21, 4:30 pm, EAS

Build, create, race, inspire and imagine with other LEGO fans. Bricks provided, from Duplo to expert builder.



Maker Mondays



Ages 6-11

Mondays, December 7, January 4,

February 1, 4-6 pm, CEN

Mondays, December 21 & 28, 1-2 pm, CEN

Drop in for tinkering, creating, and exploration at the library. Different materials, tools, and projects each time. Focus on the process, not the product. Topics posted at kpl.gov.

Little Scientists, Ages 3-6

Fridays, January 8, 15, 22,

10:30 am, OSH

Mondays, February 1, 8, 15,

10:30 am, CEN

Stories and science for preschoolers and a caregiver. Topics posted on kpl.gov. Please register.



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Color With Us

All Ages

December 21-23 & 28-31

Open Hours, All locations



Join the coloring craze! Visit the library and color together. All supplies provided.



ARTS & CRAFTS

R Gingerbread Houses, Ages 6-11

Wed, December 9, 4:30 pm, WSQ

Tues, December 15, 6 pm, EAS

Wed, December 16, 4:30 pm, POW

Create a masterpiece with graham crackers, frosting, and candies. Supplies provided. Please register.

R Festive Crafts for Kids, Ages 6-11

Thurs, December 10,
4:30-5:30 pm, EAS

Create some seasonal crafts with Colleen Heuser. Please register.

Pet Presents, Ages 6-11

Thurs, December 17, 4:30 pm, WSQ

Make a present for your dog or cat this holiday season. Supplies provided.

Holiday Crafts – Drop In, Ages 6-11



December 21-22, 12-7:30 pm, OSH

December 21-22, 1-5 pm,
EAS, POW, & WSQ

Drop in and create some seasonal decorations, presents, ornaments, and more!

R Yummy New Year's Hats, Ages 6-11



Mon, December 28, 2-4 pm, OSH

Drop-in and decorate an edible New Year's Hat. Save it for January 1 or eat it as soon as you're done making it! Please register.

From the Heart, All ages Tues, February 9- Thurs, February 11, Open Hours, all locations

Drop in during open hours at all locations and make one, take one. Help us make Valentines for residents of local nursing homes and make an extra to give to your special someone.



STAY & PLAY

Toddler Talk, Ages 1-3



Wednesdays, 10:15 am, OSH

December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

January 6, 13, 20, 27

February 3, 10, 17, 24

Toddlers play while adults share the joys and challenges of parenting 1-3 year-olds with a parent educator/facilitator.

Baby Talk, Up to Age 1 Year



Wednesdays, 1:30 pm, OSH

December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

January 6, 13, 20, 27

February 3, 10, 17, 24

Talk about the care of babies up to one year of age with other parents. Connie Koning, RN, facilitator.



FAMILY PLACE WORKSHOPS

R 1,2,3 Play with Me: A Parent/Child Workshop, Ages 1-3



Mondays, January 11, 18, 25,

February 1, 8, 10:30 am, OSH

Wednesdays, February 3, 10, 17, 24,

March 2, 10:30 am, CEN

Spend time together, play, make friends, and talk one-on-one with child development specialists during this enjoyable 5-week workshop. For children 1 to 3 years and their parents and caregivers. Please register. Infant and preschool siblings may attend with a registered toddler.

STORYTIMES

Adult caregiver must accompany babies and toddlers. Siblings may attend as guests.

Preschool Storytime



Ages 3-5

Tuesdays, 10:30 am, CEN

December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Stories, songs, and activities for 3-5 year-olds and their caregivers.

Toddler Storytime, Ages 2-3

Tuesdays, 10:30 am, CEN

January 5, 12, 19, 26

Songs, movement and stories for toddlers and their caregivers.

Baby Lapsit, Birth – Pre-walkers

Tuesdays, 9:30 am, CEN

February 2, 9, 16, 23

Songs, bounces, and rhymes for babies from birth to walking with their caregivers. Siblings welcome.

Baby Steps, Walkers – 24 Months

Tuesdays, 10:30 am, CEN

February 2, 9, 16, 23

Rhymes, songs and books for little ones from walking to 24 months and their caregivers. Siblings welcome.

Family Storytime

Stories and activities designed for birth-5 and their families.

Thursdays, 10:30 am, OSH & EAS

December 3, 10, 17

January 7, 14, 21, 28

February 4, 11, 18, 25

Fridays, 10:30 am, CEN & POW

December 4, 11, 18,

January 8, 15, 22, 29

February 5, 12, 19, 26

& MORE

Reindeer Reign, Family

Sat, December 12,

10:30 am-12:30 pm, OSH

Drop in for a visit with live reindeer from Reindeer Ranch. Enjoy indoor reindeer crafts and activities. Bring your camera and dress for an outside visit with our reindeer friends.

Snowball Express, Ages 6-11

Thurs, January 14, 4:30 pm, WSQ

Thurs, January 28, 4:30 pm, EAS

Listen to some snow stories, make a snowflake craft, and enjoy a cool treat.

MLK Day Celebration, Ages 6-11

Mon, January 18, 4:30 pm, POW

Honor Civil Rights and Nobel Peace Prize winner Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Listen to a story, enjoy a short film, and do some activities.

Chinese New Year Celebration, Ages 6-11

Mon, February 8, 4:30 pm, WSQ

Listen to a story, make a craft, do fun activities, and taste some fortune cookies!

First Saturday @KPL



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Family

December 5, 2-3:30 pm, CEN

January 2, 2-3:30 pm, CEN

February 6, 2-3:30 pm, CEN

Take your family to the library the first Saturday of each month! Get your library card or pick out some books to check out. Enjoy stories, activities, special guests, and door prizes. Something different each month!

First Saturday is a partnership program for KPL and Kalamazoo Public Schools. Each monthly event is co-hosted with an organization serving children and families in Kalamazoo.



R Registration required. Call location listed or register online at kpl.gov starting 30 days before event.



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Director's Note

A YEAR OF GOOD BOOKS



As I look back over the list and notes of books I have read this year, it follows my usual pattern of about 60% fiction and 40% nonfiction. A greater percentage were ebooks than in previous years and I read in two genres outside of my usual ones.

I don't usually read science fiction but *Station Eleven*, the 2015 Michigan Notable Book, will be on my list of favorites for the year. The author, Emily St. John, visited KPL in October. I seldom read graphic novels, but John Lewis' *March: Book One* and *March: Book Two*, about his lifelong struggle for civil and human rights, are nonfiction favorites.

The line drawings make this a very moving read.

Two novels about World War II were quite compelling: *Nightingale*, by Kristin Hannah and *All the Light We Cannot See*, by Anthony Doerr. My book group had a thoughtful discussion about *A Tale for the Time Being*, by Ruth L. Ozekig, and I always read any new book by Anne Tyler – this year *A Spool of Blue Thread*.

I just finished and highly recommend *Mothers, Tell Your Daughters*, short stories by local author and literary star, Bonnie Jo Campbell. I am currently reading Jane Smiley's trilogy covering 100 years of the Langdon family – it's a look at the country through the experiences of a family.

Nonfiction favorites from the year include *Once in a Great City: A Detroit Story*, by David Maraniss; David McCullough's *The Wright Brothers*; *Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania*, by Erik Larson; and *The Last of the President's Men*, in which Bob Woodward brings closure to Watergate. I've recommended *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End*, by Atul Gand, to many friends and have had thoughtful discussions about it.

Many of the books I read are suggestions from friends and patrons. Send me your favorites AnnR@kpl.gov KPL staff will share their favorite books of the year on "staff picks" on our website at kpl.gov/best and on displays in our buildings.

I hope it has been a good year of reading for you too. My list of books to read continues to grow – I'll never run out of good books to borrow from the library.

Best wishes for the New Year – good times, good health, good books.

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KPL Holiday Hours 2015

Thursday, Dec. 24, 2015
Closed (Christmas Eve)

Friday, Dec. 25, 2015
Closed (Christmas Day)

Thursday, Dec. 31, 2015
Close at 5 pm for library services,
but open for New Year's Fest
until midnight.

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Friday, Jan. 1, 2016
Closed (New Year's Day)

*Happy Holidays &
Happy New Year*
from the
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